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WORLD CONFERENCE ON FAITH AND ORDER

AUGUST 15-18, 1925

THE CONTINUATION COMMITTEE met August 15, 1925, at 11 A.M. in Stockholm, under the chairmanship of the Rt. Rev. Charles H. Brent, D.D.

The Chairman led in prayer. The Very Rev. Dr. M'Clymont read St. John xvii.

The Chairman paid tribute to the late Robert H. Gardiner, outlined the business of the meeting, and expressed the thanks of the Committee for the hospitality accorded by the Archbishop of Upsala and the International Committee of the Universal Christian Conference on Life and Work.

Voted: that the sessions be as follows:

Saturday, August 15, 11 A.M. to 1 P.M., and 3 P.M. to 6 P.M.

Monday, August 17, 10 A.M. to 1 P.M.

Tuesday, August 18, 10 A.M. to 1 P.M., and 3 P.M. to 6 P.M.

Voted: that the sessions be public except so far as the Committee may decide to sit in executive session.

The following members responded to the roll call:

Rev. Peter Ainslie, D.D.
Rev. H. N. Bate, M.A.
Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Bombay
Rev. Nehemiah Boynton, D.D.
Rt. Rev. Charles H. Brent, D.D.
Rev. Bishop James Cannon, Jr., D.D.
Rev. S. H. Chester, D.D.
Miss Lucy Gardner
Rev. A. E. Garvie, D.D.
Most Rev. Archbishop Germanos
Dr. theol. A. Lang
Very Rev. J. A. M'Clymont, C.B.E., D.D.
Rev. J. G. Tasker, D.D.
Pastor N. B. Thvedt, D.D.
Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Willochra.

Regrets were received from the Most Rev. the Archbishop of Upsala and other members unable to attend this session.

The following were seated by the Committee:

Rev. A. W. Harrison, for Rev. H. M. Hughes, D.D.
Bishop Dr. jur. Janoska, for Prof. Dr. Francis Žilka.
Rt. Rev. Dr. Motoda, for Rev. J. K. Ochiai.
Rt. Rev. James DeW. Perry, Jr., D.D., for Rt. Rev.
William T. Manning, D.D.

Voted: that the privileges of the floor be extended to the Rev. Floyd W. Tomkins, Jr., Executive Secretary of the Commission of the American Episcopal Church.

Voted: that the Rev. J. H. Maclean of the South India United Church, here present, and the Rev. Clarence A. Barbour, D.D., of the Northern Baptist Convention, U.S.A., be elected to membership in the Continuation Committee.

In the absence of the Treasurer, the following report prepared by him was read and accepted:

TREASURER'S REPORT

To the World Conference Continuation Committee:

The Treasurer reports that from the twenty-fifth of September, 1920, following the institution of the Committee, to the present time, July 20, 1925, his receipts have been \$89,239.35, and his disbursements \$85,672.92; leaving in his hands deposited in the United States Trust Company of New York a balance of \$3,566.43.

At every meeting of the Business Section of the Committee the Treasurer has submitted an account of his receipts and disbursements; and in every instance the Business Section have been pleased to approve his account.

The account now presented to the Continuation Committee, omitting loans and credits received and paid off, discloses that about fifty-three per cent of the receipts, or to be exact, \$47,210.51, have come from commissions or other bodies representing Churches associated with the Conference. Nearly forty-three per cent or \$38,282.12 have come from parishes and (chiefly) from individuals. One individual has contributed \$9,579.26; one \$2,250; another \$1,800; another \$1,400; four others \$500 each; one, \$400; and one \$300. These ten gifts amount to \$17,729.26. The residue is made up of a large number of small gifts.

The Committee are reminded that items of loans and credits received and paid off which appear in the account of the Treasurer and are referred to above, signify that in the early part of their operations the late Secretary, Mr. Robert H. Gardiner, advanced for their use \$12,800, without which their work could hardly have been started. Their grateful thanks are due to his memory not only for all his other achievements in their service, but also especially (so far as their treasury is concerned) for this.

The small amount received as interest on deposits, \$199.92, shows how closely we live up to our income.

The expenses of the Secretary's office for salaries, rent, equipment, and books of reference, amount to \$48,483.41, which is almost exactly fifty-five per cent of the income. Printing and translations (which nearly all are tributary to printing) amount to \$24,297, or within \$300 of twenty-seven per cent. Postage and telegraph account for \$9,563.52, or almost eleven per cent.

It thus appears that the cost of the World Conference Movement since the appointment of the Continuation Committee has been expended on that form of preliminary conference which is conducted by correspondence. The report from the Secretary's office will show how enormous that has been in volume, and how extensive the area addressed, covering more or less closely the entire known world. Its object has been to keep constantly before the minds of the Christian community the object for which the Continuation Committee is constituted, which is to prepare for the next general conference on Faith and Order.

As regards cost and bulk, the correspondence has mainly taken the form of printed matter; practically all of which has been distributed gratuitously. So much has gone out in the past five years that the recipients have been well informed of the operations of the Committee, and the progress of the work. It is hoped that their interest has generally been maintained, but there is abundant evidence that in some quarters it is flagging, owing to the long postponement of the next Conference.

One of the questions which the Committee may think worthy of consideration is whether the preparations for the next Conference, and the spread of interest in it, have reached such a point that hereafter the Business section of the Committee may be advised in their discretion to charge a small price for the printed matter which they distribute, or for such of it as may conveniently be paid for.

Another question which they will doubtless feel compelled to attend to is how the expenses connected with the meeting of the approaching Conference are to be defrayed.

The Continuation Committee will not expect either the Subjects section or the Business section to incur expenses or liabilities in carrying out lines of action which the Continuation Committee may recommend, any farther than their resources warrant. It may not be out of place to remark that as the next triennial General Convention of the Episcopal Church will take place next October it cannot be known how much financial support from that Church can be counted on for the next three years until after the approaching session of the Continuation Committee shall have adjourned; and in the absence of information on that point a certain discretion with regard to programme will necessarily be left to the two sections.

The thanks of the Continuation Committee are due to the United States Trust Company of New York, depository of the funds of the Committee and the assistant to the Treasurer, for their willing, patient and efficient service in that behalf.

The Treasurer's account is submitted with this report.

GEORGE ZABRISKIE,
Treasurer.

New York, July 20, 1925.

Voted: that the Committee express their thanks to Mr. George Zabriskie for his faithful services as their Treasurer.

Memoranda previously circulated by the Secretariat were presented on behalf of the Business Committee.

Voted: that the World Conference be convened in 1927, not earlier than the beginning of August, the exact date depending upon the probable duration of the Conference, which ought not to extend into September.

Voted: that the Head of the Secretariat confer with the Rev. Dr. Cramer and report at the next session as to accommodations at The Hague, and that action as to the place of meeting be meanwhile postponed.

Voted: that the Conference should consist of about five hundred delegates, and that the apportionment of delegates be referred to a subcommittee for report at the next session.

Adjourned 1 P.M.

The Committee reassembled at 3 P.M. The Rev. Dr. Tasker led in prayer.

Upon reconsideration, the action of the Committee in setting the number of delegates at about five hundred was reaffirmed, and the Rev. Dr. Garvie, the Rev. Dr. Lang and the Rev. Canon Bate were appointed as the subcommittee on the apportionment of delegates.

Voted: that the observance of the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity be continued, and that a subcommittee be appointed to draw up topics for the Octave in 1926 and 1927.

The Rev. Dr. Chester, the Very Rev. Dr. M'Clymont and the Rev. Dr. Thvedt were so appointed.

The Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Bombay, Convener of the Subjects Committee, presented the report of that Committee.

Voted: that the Report be now received.

Voted: that the discussions at the Conference should take the form of speaking to definite propositions.

Voted: that whereas in the first invitation to the Conference it was stated that the Conference would be "without power to legislate or adopt resolutions," this phrase is not to be interpreted to exclude the adoption of statements which would officially re-

cord the results which may be reached by the Conference whether in the way of agreement or of admission of differences.

Voted: that a definite Agenda for the World Conference should be prepared by the Continuation Committee and, when prepared, should be circulated by it to the various Churches and Commissions for their information.

Voted: that the Agenda for the World Conference should be circulated by the Continuation Committee as the basis for preliminary discussion by local conferences, and this discussion should be the main preparatory work of the next two years.*

Voted: that the Agenda for the World Conference should be so framed as to give a comprehensive outline, in a logical order, of the business with which the Conference ought eventually to deal.

Voted: that the Agenda of the World Conference should state clearly the nature and limits of the authority which the Conference is entitled to claim, and also the conditions which will govern the position of delegates sent by Churches to the Conference.

Voted: that the representatives of the Churches at the World Conference shall have no power to bind the Churches by word or vote. The decisions of the Conference, if it reaches any decisions, can bind no Church represented without its subsequent and deliberate assent, but will be referred to all the Churches for their unfettered consideration.

Voted: that the Agenda of the World Conference should conclude with provisions for the continuation of its work.

Adjourned 6 P.M.

AUGUST 17, 1925

The Continuation Committee reassembled at 10:15 A.M. The Most Rev. Metropolitan Stefan arrived and took his seat with the Committee.

The Rev. Dr. Lang read I. Cor. xii 4-6, 12-26, and led in prayer.

The minutes of August 15 were received and approved. The hours of meeting August 18 were ordered specified as 10 A.M. to 1 P.M., and 3 P.M. to 6 P.M. The Chairman announced that lunch would be served to the members August 18. The question to whom the minutes should be distributed, and whether some other report of these sessions should be prepared for general circulation, was deferred.

*For the full text of this resolution, see p. 12.

TREASURY

1920-21

RECEIPTS

Balance brought forward . . . . .	.....
Official Appropriations from Commissions and Churches	\$10,857.00
Gifts from Parishes and Individuals	4,649.65
Office	269.34
Bank Interest	30.05
Loans and
Credits
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	\$15,806.04

EXPENDITURES

Clerical Assistance	\$ 2,984.17
Office Rent, Equipment, Supplies, etc.	1,482.73
Books of Reference, etc.	48.45
Postage, Telegrams, Cables	2,034.68
Translations	436.00
Printing	7,549.44
Travel	113.80
Subjects Committee
Reimbursement on account of Secretary's advances	1,000.00
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	\$15,649.27

Receipts	\$15,806.04
Expenditures	15,649.27
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Balance carried forward	\$156.77
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ACCOUNT

<i>1921-22</i>	<i>1922-23</i>	<i>1923-24</i>	<i>1924-25</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>
156.77	\$ 883.22	\$ 816.91	\$ 151.99
5,756.50	14,309.19	9,476.28	6,811.54	\$47,210.51
4,745.63	10,432.92	9,812.26	8,641.66	38,282.12
1,173.73	804.84	895.22	403.67	3,546.80
6.41	28.32	83.47	51.67	199.92
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23,639.53	\$26,458.49	\$21,084.14	\$17,060.53	\$102,039.84
11,191.31	\$ 6,982.16	\$ 7,107.53	\$ 6,645.50	\$34,910.67
3,318.81	2,372.81	2,903.43	2,318.55	12,396.33
1,127.96	....	....	....	1,176.41
2,768.39	1,841.38	2,056.06	863.01	9,563.52
1,595.75	668.00	917.20	171.50	3,788.45
2,729.09	2,707.84	5,628.04	1,895.08	20,509.49
25.00	268.90	894.89	525.04	1,827.63
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22,756.31	\$25,641.58	\$20,932.15	\$13,494.10	\$98,473.41
23,639.53	\$26,458.49	\$21,084.14	\$17,060.53	\$102,039.84
22,756.31	25,641.58	20,932.15	13,494.10	98,473.41
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\$883.22	\$816.91	\$151.99	\$3,566.43	\$3,566.43

OFFICIAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM COMMISSIONS AND CHURCHES

	1920-21	1921-22	1922-23	1923-24	1924-25	TOTAL
Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America						
National Council.....	\$1,000.00	\$11,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$17,000.00
Commission on Faith and Order.....	\$9,000.00	3,000.00	.....	3,000.00	.....	15,000.00
Church of England.....	216.20	21.40	.....	237.60
Church of England in Canada.....	810.00	.....	799.00	1,609.00
Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui.....	49.10	.....	52.86	49.87	52.85	204.68
Church of Ireland.....	116.25	105.00	.....	221.25
Province of the West Indies.....	85.12	.....	85.12
Anglican Diocese in Argentina and Eastern South America	50.00	50.97	100.97
Church of England in Australia.....	440.50	.....	576.65	.....	1,017.15
Church of England in India.....	72.44	72.44
Northern Baptist Convention.....	500.00	.....	500.00
Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland.....	48.61	.....	.....	48.61
South Australia Baptist Union.....	4.73	.....	4.73
Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, U. S. A.....	25.00	.....	50.00	75.00
Congregational Union of England and Wales.....	41.08	.....	48.09	.....	23.10	112.27
Congregational Union of South Africa.....	22.99	.....	22.21	45.20
Church of Greece.....	171.40	.....	171.40
Armenian Patriarchate of Cairo.....	5.00	5.00	.....	10.00
Church of Denmark.....	100.00	.....	100.00	200.00

Wesleyan Methodist Conference of England, Scotland and Wales.....	113.75	.....	.....	113.75	.....	113.75
Wesleyan Methodist Church in Ireland.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	110.00	110.00
Primitive Methodist Church of England.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	55.20	55.20
Wesleyan Methodist Church in South Africa.....	.....	.....	.....	109.92	.....	109.92
Methodist Church of New Zealand.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	44.78	44.78
Old Catholic Churches of Europe.....	.....	.....	.....	35.00	35.00	105.00
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.....	1,000.00	1,000.00	.....	1,000.00	2,000.00	6,000.00
United Presbyterian Church of North America.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	200.00	600.00
Reformed Church in America.....	.....	.....	.....	50.00	100.00	200.00
Presbyterian Church of England.....	.....	.....	.....	47.77	46.77	94.54
Presbyterian Church in Ireland.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	108.50	229.62
Church of Scotland.....	181.00	216.00	.....	227.50	19.26	881.26
United Free Church of Scotland.....	.....	.....	.....	227.50	.....	465.00
Welsh Calvinistic Methodist Church.....	85.82	.....	.....	.....	.....	85.82
Presbyterian Church of South Africa.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	64.80	110.95
Presbyterian Church of New Zealand.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	88.00	136.50
South India United Church.....	.....	.....	.....	30.00	.....	30.00
American Presbyterian Church, Montreal, Canada.....	.....	100.00	.....	.....	.....	100.00
Association for the Promotion of Christian Unity.....	500.00	.....	.....	.....	500.00	1,000.00
Christian Unity Association of Scotland.....	.....	.....	.....	22.75	.....	22.75
Total.....	\$10,857.00	\$5,756.50	\$14,309.19	\$9,476.28	\$6,811.54	\$47,210.51

The Chairman reported progress in securing information as to The Hague as a possible place of meeting in 1927, and reported that Lausanne had been mentioned as another possibility.

The Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Bombay presented a draft Agenda with specimen propositions for the World Conference.

Voted: that to the action taken August 15 as follows:

“That the Agenda for the World Conference should be circulated by the Continuation Committee as the basis for preliminary discussion by local conferences, and this discussion should be the main preparatory work of the next two years,”

the following be appended:

The results of such discussions should be communicated to the Secretariat, to be forwarded by the Secretariat to the Subjects Committee for information and action; and such communications should be received by the Secretariat not later than August 1, 1926.

Voted: that the members of the Subjects Committee here present be requested to take note of various suggestions for possible revision of the proposed Agenda, and to bring in a revised draft on August 18.

Voted: that the section on the Sacraments be considered by the Continuation Committee on August 18.

Adjourned 1 P.M. until the following day.

AUGUST 18, 1925

The Continuation Committee reassembled at 10:15 A.M. The Rev. Dr. Boynton led in prayer and read I Cor. xiii.

The minutes of August 17 were received and approved.

The Rev. Dr. Garvie presented the report of the subcommittee on the apportionment of delegates, which after revision was adopted as follows:—

APPORTIONMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Your committee having cursorily examined the tentative apportionment adopted by the Business Committee on March 7, 1924, are of opinion that while the number should be as determined (about five hundred representatives), no attempt should now be made rigidly to fix the apportionment, but that only general principles be stated, viz:

(1) That the apportionment of 1924 be taken as the basis for further inquiry.

(2) That in most instances the coöperating Churches be asked to send two representatives each, in the case of some smaller bodies one representative, and in the case of some larger bodies more than two representatives, the total number not to exceed ten in any instance.

(3) That where no commissions have been appointed by any Churches of standing, they be at once invited to indicate their intention regarding participation in the Conference, and that the Business Committee make due provision for seating representatives from such Churches.

(4) That places be reserved for persons whose presence for special reasons is desirable and who might not be appointed by the Churches. The number of coöpted members, however, is not to exceed ten per cent. of the total number of members of the Conference.

(5) That some indication be given of the desirability of having younger members represented.

(6) That the Churches be informed if possible not later than January 1926 of the apportionment.

(7) That under the guidance of these principles the apportionment be entrusted to the Secretariat in consultation with the Business Committee.

The Rev. Dr. Chester presented the report of the subcommittee on topics for the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity, which was referred to the Committee on Publications for revision and action.

The Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Bombay submitted a redraft of the Agenda for the World Conference. At 1 P.M. the Committee took a recess, reassembling at 2:45 P.M., when the revision of the Agenda was continued.

Voted: that the Agenda be adopted, and that the Chairman, the Convener of the Subjects Committee, the Rev. Dr. Garvie and the Head of the Secretariat be appointed a committee with power to put the Agenda into final form for circulation.

The Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Bombay submitted a draft of proposed Special Standing Orders with reference to procedure at the World Conference. After discussion and revision, it was

Voted: that the Special Standing Orders be adopted.

[N.B. The Agenda and the Special Standing Orders are printed separately.]

The Chairman reported that The Hague appeared to be unavailable as a place of meeting.

Voted: that the World Conference on Faith and Order be convened at Lausanne, Switzerland, and that if this prove impossible, the Business Committee have power to secure another place of meeting.

Voted: with reference to Statements prepared in July 1925 by the Subjects Committee after considering the replies to the Second, Third, and Fourth Series of Questions circulated by that Committee, that these Statements be referred with power to the Committee on Publications (the Statement on the Fourth Series being omitted since the Christian Moral Ideal is not included in the Agenda for the Conference), with the desire that, if it prove feasible, these Statements be published and circulated as the report of the Subjects Committee upon these matters.

The Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Bombay reported that if the Committee had no objection, the aforesaid Statements might be published in a volume edited by the Very Rev. G. K. A. Bell, with other recent documents on Christian Unity, and the Chairman stated that there would be no objection to this course.

Voted: that if funds for the purpose are available, a representative or representatives be appointed under the direction of the Business Committee to advocate and further the World Conference on Faith and Order in Switzerland, Germany and other countries.

Voted: that the Chairman appoint a committee of five on the selection of speakers to open the discussion of the subjects of the Agenda, and that two of the five be chosen from America, and three from other countries with the help of suggestions by members of the Continuation Committee in those countries.

Voted: that the Chairman appoint a committee of nine on local arrangements for the World Conference, and that two of the nine be chosen from America, the rest from other countries after consultation with friends here present in Stockholm.

Voted: that the Business Committee be instructed to act as the Committee on Finances for the Conference of 1927, with leave to coöpt other persons and to establish local committees in various centres for securing funds.

Voted: that as a general rule, the Churches shall be expected to defray the travelling expenses of their representatives, but that special provisions should be made for special needs.

The Rev. Floyd W. Tomkins, Jr., made an informal report of his work, as Executive Secretary of the Commission of the American Episcopal Church, in promoting local discussions.

Voted: that the Chairman, the Convener of the Subjects Committee and the Head of the Secretariat be appointed a committee with power to approve and circulate the records of this meeting.

The Committee offered its thanks to the Most Rev. the Archbishop of Upsala and the International Committee of the Universal Christian Conference on Life and Work for their hospitality, and to the Chairman for his conduct of the meeting. After the blessing by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Willochra,

Adjourned 6 P.M. *sine die*.

CHARLES H. BRENT,

Chairman of the Continuation Committee.

RALPH W. BROWN,

Head of the Secretariat.

Contributions for the expenses of the work are greatly needed. They may be sent to the United States Trust Company, 45 Wall Street, New York City, to the Rev. Ernest Jauncey, M.A., "Langdale," Telegraph Road, Heswall, Birkenhead, England, or to Mr. C. R. Walsh, Diocesan Rectory, George Street, Sydney, N. S. W., Australia.